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RATIONALIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the secretariat

1. On 25 February 2002, the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed a letter to the Chairperson of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights conveying to the Commission the support of the Bureau of the Council and the Council itself for the important work to be undertaken by the Commission at its fifty-eighth session. The President stated his intention to work with the Chairperson in the context of the forthcoming session to strengthen the links between the Council and its subsidiary bodies in order to contribute to greater policy coherence and improved synergies in the work carried out both by the Council and the functional commissions.

2. The President indicated that, with that in mind, he would request the Vice-President of the Council responsible for its general segment to liaise closely with the Commission on Human Rights and to be available to assist in the Commission's work, if requested.

3. The full text of the letter of the President of the Economic and Social Council is reproduced in the annex.*

* Reproduced as received, in the original language only.

Annex

The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

25 February 2002

Dear Mr. Chairman,

It is my understanding that the Commission on Human Rights will meet, in Geneva, from 18 March to 26 April 2002.

As President of the Economic and Social Council, I wish to convey through you, to the Commission, not just my own full support, but that of the Bureau of the Council, and of course the Council itself, for the important work to be undertaken by the Commission at its 58th session.

I wish to inform you that it is my intention to work with you and assist in the context of the forthcoming session in an attempt to strengthen the links between the Council and its subsidiary bodies. I trust this will contribute to greater policy coherence and improved synergies in the work carried out both by the Council and the functional commissions.

With this in mind, I will request the Vice-President of the Council responsible for the general segment to liase closely with the Commission, and to be available to assist in the Commission's work, if requested.

I look forward to our collaboration, which I hope will strengthen the work of the Commission on Human Rights and help contribute to a successful outcome of its upcoming session.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ivan Šimonović

H.E. Ambassador Leandro Despouy
Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights